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1. GATT BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DUNKEL PROPOSES INVITE PORTUGAL TO APPEAR AT THE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED JULY 4 COMMITTEE MEETING (REFTEL B) TO MAKE INITIAL STATEMENT EXPLAINING TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF NEW IMPORT SURCHARGE. FULL BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINATION AS AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL (REFTEL A) WOULD COME AT SOME LATER DATE AFTER IMF MISSION IS COMPLETE. SINCE OECD AND EFTA HAVE SCHEDULED EARLY EXAMINATIONS, DUNKEL FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN FATT GOT INTO THE ACT EARLY TOO.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT NORMAL GATT PROCEDURE, WE HAVE VOICED NO PARTICULAR OBJECTION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ASKED THAT IT NOT BE MADE TO APPEAR THAT U.S. IS PUSHING FOR AN EARLIER-THAN-CUSTO-
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MARY APPEARANCE BY PORTUGAL. SINCE U.S. IS WELL KNOWN TO BE

MOST ACTIVE BOP COMMITTEE MEMBER, ANY SUGGESTION ATTRIBUTED TO
"MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE" MIGHT BE READ "THE U.S., AMONG OTHERS."
WE AGREE WITH DUNKEL'S WISH TO KEEP GATT IN THE FOREFRONT OF BOP
ACTIVITIES, BUT GIVEN STILL EMERGING SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND
PORTUGUESE REACTION REPORTED IN REFTEL C, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO
LEAVE IMPRESSION U.S. HAS ANY HAND IN SINGLING PORTUGAL OUT FOR
HARSHER TREATMENT THAN NORMAL.DALE

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